

Notice of Allowability

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5 10 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 15-29.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Response to Request for Reconsideration

This is in response to a request for reconsideration file June 10th, 2004. Claims 15-29 are being reconsidered in this action.

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed June 10th, 2004 have been fully considered and they are persuasive.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 15-29 are allowed over the prior arts.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
 - a. Applicant discloses a method for loading input data into a program when performing a cash transaction between a cash chip and a security module. Applicant's inventive concept is novel and innovative in the sense in claims 15 it loads data blocks into a linear feedback register having shift register non-linear function cryptographically enhances using a downstream counter and introducing an additional feedback into the linear feedback shift register following the downstream counter and switching off one additional feedback after a pre-defined first number of pulses of an associated clock. Furthermore in claim 24, it provides one additional nonlinear feedback shift register for cryptographically enhancing the circuit and being connected to the circuit and one

additional non-linear feedback shift register disconnectable. The prior art Taylor discloses a method that provides a digital data stream generator for generating a cipher stream comprising a linear feedback shift register (LFSR), a summing means for producing a sequence of sums of the outputs of said at least one LFSR, a non-linear feedback processing means for producing a sequence of non-linear values in accordance with the outputs of said at least one LFSR and at least one previous value of said non-linear output value sequence, and an output processing means for generating a data stream in accordance with a Bent function utilising a plurality of pairs of said sequence of sums and at least one of said sequence of non-linear values. Taylor fail to teach the inventive concept disclose in claims 15 and 24.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

b. Koopman et al (US RE36181) teach an invention, wherein cryptographic authentication of transmissions from a remote transmitter to a receiver module involves encryption, such as by linear feedback shift register pseudorandom number generation

operations, utilizing secret feedback masks which are essentially unique to each transmitter, and replicated only in a receiver which is to respond to the related transmitter.

c. *Muller et al (WO 01/15090) teach a shift register with linear and non-linear feedback functions for creating cryptographic algorithms. The cryptographic algorithms are provided for enciphering data and authenticating the card against deriving the secret key used from statistical analysis of information leaking away to outside world in the event of cryptographic operations.*

d. *Matsumoto (NPL) teach a chip containing a "mixture generator," three linear feedback registers that simultaneously run data-encrypting calculations and spew out the encrypted data.*

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Firmin Backer whose telephone number is (703) 305-0624. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on (703) 305-9768. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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